



# Borough of Longport

## ***FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION*** **Winter - 2004**

All of the Borough of Longport is located in the A-8 Base Flood Plain, which means that it is at or below Elevation 10.00. Being bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on one side and Risley's Channel the bay on the other, **Longport is susceptible to flooding.** Flooding can be caused by hurricanes, tropical storms, coastal storms, commonly referred to as Northeasters, and occasional high tides with heavy rain events. Flood water can fill the streets and low lying areas from six (6) inches to two (2) feet of water, depending on the elevation of the ground, such as in the March 62 storm and the December storm of 1992 where all of Longport was flooded.

Flood Maps are available for your review at the Construction Code Office second floor and the Longport Branch of the Atlantic County Library, both of which are located in the Borough Hall, 2305 Atlantic Ave.

When the possibility of flooding may exist, the National Weather Service Office issues flood watches and warnings. All regional and local television and radio stations carry such warnings. This information is also transmitted on the NOAA Radio Station, 162.400 MHZ.

The Borough of Office of Emergency Management (822-2141) also receives weather information through the New Jersey State Police NCIC/SCIC computer Teletype System, the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management and through in house DTN Satellite weather system. The warning system includes voice over announcements on all cable television channels on Comcast Cable Television System. Downbeach Channel 2 on Comcast Cable now includes emergency information provided by the Office of Emergency Management.

### ***PROTECTIVE MEASURES YOU CAN TAKE***

**Homeowners Insurance does not cover damages due to floods.** Flood Insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program reimburses you for flood damages to your property. With one annual premium, you can protect your most important investment - your home and your contents. Check with your Insurance Agent or Company on the low-cost preferred risk policy and other flood insurance protection for your home.

There are several other ways to protect your home from flood damage. They range from raising the level of the ground around the property, waterproofing the building's walls and doors, installation of flood gates, or actually raising the first floor of the dwelling above the flood plain elevation. The Library has several books on these subjects that you can borrow to investigate what is best for you. The Borough Building Department ( 822-0569 ext. 114 ) by appointment will come out and visit your property and provide suggestions. The Building Department also contains a list of private contractors with knowledge in protective measures.

Homeowners should consider protection for windows and doors with hard sheeting or shutters. The smallest pieces of wind driven as well as wave driven debris can become deadly projectiles during storms and hurricanes. BBQ'S, Lawn, deck and pool furniture should be stored inside or tied down to permanent construction to prevent damage as a result of wind and wave action.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Internet [www.flood.org](http://www.flood.org) &/ or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

Remember, before doing any construction, additions or alterations to your home, check with the Building Department (822-0569 ext.114 ) for permit requirements. **If you see any construction, additions or alterations to a home without a Building Permit Yellow Placard displayed in their front window, report it to the Building Department.**

The storm drainage system will not function under high tide situations. As the tides recede, the storm drain system will begin functioning and remove the waters. The Borough of Longport Public Works Department has a Storm Drainage maintenance program. Twice a year the inlets and basins are inspected and cleaned. Borough Ordinance prohibits the throwing, dumping or discharge of debris and/or litter into the storm drains and gutters. Grass clippings, leaves and small tree or shrub branches can accumulate and clog the storm drains. Help maintain the water quality, because our storm drain system empties into the Ocean and the Bay. Anything placed within the storm drain system will

cause a danger to fish, wildlife and the natural habitat. If you see anyone dump, discharge or throw debris into the storm drain system, immediately contact the Longport Police ( 822-2141 ). If you see a clogged storm drain contact the Longport Public Works ( 822-5759 ).

### ***PERSONAL PROTECTION***

**DO NOT** walk or drive through flood waters! Manhole covers may have become dislodged, or there may be submerged debris which can cause you serious injury and damage, or your vehicles could stall and you could become trapped.

**STAY AWAY** from downed wires, while it is true they may only be cable or telephone wires they may also be ***LIVE ELECTRIC WIRES***.

**UNDER SEVERE FLOOD CONDITIONS**, if you leave your home, turn off the electric at the main breaker and the gas.

**LISTEN** closely to radio and television for information and instructions from your local Emergency Management Office